be provided, the sources from which the requisite funds should be secured and to draw up a list of priorities in respect of various items of works to be attended to.

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS

Towards the close of First Five-Year Plan, the Department of Statistics was created as an Independent and Full-fledged Department. During Second and Third Five-Year Plans, the staff at the Headquarters was strengthened and District Statistical Offices were started. A mechanical tabulation unit was established at the Headquarters.

During the First Five-Year Plan period, the Department was busy organising itself. Regular items of work such as Annual Agricultural Statistics, Crop Forecasts, Rainfall and Meteorology, Vital Statistics, Crop Surveys; etc., were attended to.

During the Second Five-Year Plan, these items were continued. In addition to these items, with the help of the staff appointed during the Second Plan, a number of items of work for improvement of the existing series and to fill up the gaps was taken up. Important among them are:— (1) Extension of crop surveys to non-food crops (2) working out estimates of income of the State for the years 1956–59 (3) Issues of the Quarterly Bulletin of Statistics (4) Issue of Mysore State in Maps (5) Issue of the Statistical Abstract (6) Analysis of Progress Reports from Development blocks (7) In service Training of Statistical personnel (8) Issue of a picture of Mysore Budget and (9) Undertaking a number (18) of *ad hoc* surveys on which Reports were issued. The Establishment of the District Statistical Agency improved to a considerable extent the quality of the several periodical returns relating to the items noted above. The establishment of the Mechanical Unit resulted in quick handling and processing of data.

During the Third Five-Year Plan so far, considerable progress has been achieved. The items referred to above were continued on a regular basis. Important of the achievements relating to improvements of old items and new items initiated are.—(1) to improve further the reliability of Agricultural Statistics, a new pahani tahkta together with corresponding compilation sheets at village and taluk level have been devised and introduced (2) the scale of supervision by statistical staff of crop-cutting experiments done by other Department has been increased, (3) weighted India numbers of wholesale prices were combuted (4) statistics of production of industries (5) local bodies statistics (6) quarterly and Annual Economic Reviews (7) further refinement of State Income Estimates and estimates upto 1960-61 are worked out (8) socio-economic data are being collected in collaboration with NSS of Government of India to have State level estimates (9) sample census of population and Sample Registration of births and deaths are undertaken (10) village level wokers records have been rationalised and introduced; while extension officers records are rationalised and they are pending approval of Government (11) introduction

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of Village Index Cards and (12) a number of surveys such as Medical Personnel Survey, Irrigation wells surveys, Goods Traffic Survey, Handloom Survey, Fruits and Vegitables' Survey Baseline Unemployment Surveys in Rural Manpower Utilisation Projects have been taken up and completed.

The result of the activities of the Department are being published from time to time and annually about 30 regular and 10 *ad hoc* publications/reports are being issued.

II. PROGRAMME FOR 1964-65

The programme for 1964-65 will consist of continuing and improving the sevaral items enumerated above. Some important new activities proposed for 1964-65 are.—(1) further measures to improve Vital Statistics through strengthening of staff at the State Headquarters and in Districts (2) Baseline and Evaluation study to assess the impact of the applied Nutrition scheme (3) Undertaking of a "Resources Survey" and establishment of a "Planning Intelligence Unit" as a part of *Advance Action* for the framing of the State's Fourth Five-Year Plan (4) undertaking of some pilot studies (i) to estimate the area and production of pepper, (ii) on the cost of cultivation of cardamom (iii) to estimates production of important crops at the Block Level (iv) a type II study in collaboration with NSS and (v) to assess the impact of the C. D. Programme on Agricultural Production.

DEPARTMENT OF STATIONERY AND PUBLICATIONS

During the year 1963-64, Government Branch Presses at Dharwar and Gulbarga were started in improvised Government buildings with a staff of about 70 members in each Press and equipment of about 1.75 lakhs in each. These Presses have progressed well and are handling most of the special works of the Division in which they are situated. New buildings for these two Branch Presses on separate sites are under construction. A small Printing Press was started in the High Court Press and is working satisfactorily.

Work on two shifts has been introduced in the Government Presses at Bangalore, Mysore and Mercara by employment of neccessary additional staff. This Changeover was effected by sanctioning Overtime Compensatory Allowances to employees who were regularly in receipt of Overtime Allowances. The Government Presses are therefore now in a position to handle most of the Government work including major portion of Text-Book work.

The establishment of a Government of India Text-Book Press in the T.-Narasipur Road at Mysore making use of the gift of the machinery and equipment from West Germany, has been sanctioned by the Government of India, and buildings for this Press will be constructed during